

DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

**The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901**

Meeting Minutes

The Department of Education
The Cabinet Room

December 2, 2010
1:30 P.M.

Members Present: Michael Casson, Joanne Christian, Stephanie DeWitt, Marilyn Dollard, Karen Gordon, Cristy Greaves, Lori Hudson, David Kohan, Jill Lewandowski, Whitney Price, Kathleen Thomas and Jacqueline Wisnauskas

Members Absent: Samtra Devard, Chris Kenton, Wendy Murray, and Shelley Rouser.

Others Present: Charlie Michels; PSB Executive Director, Paula Fontello; Deputy Attorney General, Joseph Masiello; Delaware TOY, Scott Reihm; DASA, Linda Yaron; DSEA, Peter Shulman; RTTT Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Unit Team Leader, Pearl Carrington; Secretary to PSB, Debbie Stevens; DSEA.

I. Opening

Call to Order: Ms. Thomas, Professional Standards Board Chair, called the meeting to Order at 1:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Ms. Lewandowski and seconded by Ms. Gordon to approve this evening's Agenda. The motion carried.

Approval of Retreat Minutes of October 23, 2010: A motion was made by Ms. DeWitt and seconded by Ms. Lewandowski to approve the PSB Retreat Minutes of October 23, 2010. Ms. Christian abstained. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2010: A motion was made by Dr. Greaves and seconded by Ms. Wisnauskas to approve the PSB Minutes of November 4, 2010. The motion carried.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Michels attended the Delaware Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (DACTE) Meeting at Wesley College on November 10. Dr. Lowery was the guest speaker and the event was very well attended.
- Mr. Michels stated that he had a conference call with SBE President Dr. Gray and SBE Policy Analyst Dr. Coffield on the history and present status of Emergency

Certification in Delaware. Mr. Michels was subsequently asked to speak regarding the issue at the State Board's retreat in Rehoboth Beach on December 3, 2010.

- Mr. Michels participated in the CCSSO's State Consortium of Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) Webinar in late November. Mr. Michels stated that he is a part of the State of Delaware's team. The team consists of Diane Donahue (DSEA), Scott Reihm (DASA), Nancy Brickhouse (UD), Peter Shulman (DE RTTT), Wayne, Barton and Dan Cruce (DOE). These webinars have been scheduled on a monthly basis to develop collaborative initiatives and to share successful models.
- Mr. Michels requested a meeting of the University Partners in November. The meeting on November 15th centered around continued conversation regarding the School Principal certification regulation and a path forward from the current course count option to a more focused and relevant course of study. Comments from the Partners would be shared later in the PSB meeting during that Discussion Item.
- Mr. Michels has been working on organizing PX II Review Committees for the following new-to-Delaware tests.
 - Technology Education
 - Marketing Education
 - Family and Consumer Sciences
 - Health Education

The reviews have been scheduled for the third week of January, 2011.

IV. 2010 Delaware Teacher of the Year: Mr. Joseph Masiello

Mr. Michels introduced Mr. Joseph Masiello to the PSB. Mr. Masiello thanked the PSB Members for the opportunity to speak with them. Mr. Masiello teaches ELA at the Cab Calloway School in the Red Clay Consolidated School District. He spoke of his background which included his disability, and of those teachers to whom is ever grateful, that encouraged and motivated him to look beyond his disability. It was these teachers that became his role models for the work he does today. Mr. Masiello told the PSB of his exciting trip to Haiti last summer to work with children using supplies his students and their families had generously donated, and how the experiences he brought back to his student were valuable to them.

He spoke about his philosophies of education and concluded his comments with the quote "If children can't learn the way we teach, then we should teach the way they learn".

V. Action Items

A. 1582 School Nurse

This regulation was approved to be published by both the PSB and the SBE on November 1, 2010. Notices were posted in the two major DE newspapers on November 1. Recent concerns regarding the implementation of the regulation have been shared, and because of that Mr. Michels asked the Board to take no action at this time. No action was taken.

B. Mentoring Program Application Documents

Mr. Michels shared the latest iterations of the Mentoring Program Approvals and asked the Board to consider approval. Ms. Lewandowski made a motion to approve the Mentoring Program Approval set of 4 documents and Ms. Wisnauskas seconded the motion. The motion carried. These documents will be posted to the PSB website within the week and notices to districts and charter schools will be sent.

C. Delaware Code Amendments

Mr. Michels spoke to the potential changes in DE Code that have been considered by the Board over the last several months. To implement the Board's legislative agenda and place on record the Board's commitment to these amendments, the following items were before the Board for action and approval:

- 1) *Passing Praxis I prior to Licensure for the typical teacher preparation program graduate and those applicants other than ARTC or STS teachers.* The standing language allows a waiver for these educators through to the end of the second fiscal year after hire. Mr. Michels stated that a few minor changes have been made following the discussion in November. Ms. Hudson moved and Dr. Greaves seconded a motion to approve Passing Praxis I prior to Licensure. The motion carried.
- 2) *Passing Praxis I prior to ARTC Program Acceptance.* The standing language allows a waiver for these educators through to the end of the second fiscal year after hire. Ms. Hudson moved and Dr. Greaves seconded a motion to approve Passing Praxis I prior to ARTC Program Acceptance. The motion carried.
- 3) *Passing Praxis I within 2 years of hire for STS Educators.* The standing language allows a waiver for these educators through to the end of their Emergency Certificate, which is valid for 6 years. The DOE is in the process of gathering more information on this area. After open discussion it was agreed to take no action at this time. Mr. Michels will continue to research this topic.
- 4) *Allowance for alternative student teaching experiences for Specialists.* Some specialists do not participate in a typical student teaching program, as required in DE Code. Amendments to code would allow for internships, practicums and clinical experiences to be used in lieu of the typical student teaching experience and would give a fourth alternative to student teaching. Ms. Hudson moved and Ms. Lewandowski seconded a motion to approve these alternative experiences. The motion carried.

Mr. Michels will work with the General Assembly in January to present these amendments for action.

VI. Discussion

A. 1556 School to Work Transition Teacher

Mr. Michels stated that this regulation is still at the initial stages of review. A few changes were made in to the Course/Professional Development approval process in the regulation since the November meeting. There was open discussion wherein Mr. Michels stated that the regulation needs to go to the DOE and the Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee for review.

B. 1584 School Social Worker

This regulation is in the draft stage for review. Mr. Michels stated that there have been no concerns from any particular group about the certification requirements. He did a query in DEEDS, compiled a report of 20 employed, DE certified School Social Workers and sent out an email to these individuals requesting specific information regarding their responsibilities with students. He received a few responses and will share the collected information with the Board at the next meeting. There was discussion about the differences between a DE certified School Social Worker and a State social worker who may be working in schools, but not on the district/charter school payroll.

C. 1591 School Principal and Assistant Principal

Mr. Michels has been working with the energetic University Partners group for over a year to brainstorm paths to certification for School Principals and Assistant Principals. The University Partners heard that at their Retreat, the PSB endorsed the thought of re-vamping the current course count into a significant 18 credit course of study, consisting of 3 6-credit modules of best practice for aspiring administrators. This course of study would be approved by the PSB and each DE University would offer the same syllabus to students for certification. At this time, Mr. Michels introduced Mr. Peter Schulman, the DE RTTT Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Unit Team Leader to participate in the rich conversation. Mr. Schulman gave a brief report on the current status of the type of work in his Unit. Concerns were shared that language should be inserted referring to the DPAS evaluation ‘*or the equivalent*’ in proposed language. Experience requirements were discussed, with the Board leaning toward 5 years of successful teaching experience at any level. Mr. Michels will continue conversations with connected groups and bring back to the Board in January the latest thoughts and draft language. He reiterated that he felt that once regulation 1591 School Principal and Assistant Principal was finalized, work could progress on the next two levels of administrative certifications: School Leader I and School Leader II.

VII. Presentation

A. NBPTS ~ Principal: An Overview for DE’s Pilot

Dr. Greaves reported on her involvement with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: Principal Certification. She shared that because of her school responsibilities, the vigorous workload entailed in the certification, the technology component and pending deadlines, she will not be participating in the Delaware Pilot.

VIII. PSB Standing Committees

A. Licensure and Certification Criteria

The Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee has not met.

B. Professional Development and Associated Compensation

The Professional Development and Associated Compensation Committee have not met.

IX. Other

A. Ms. Thomas: Sleeping Bag Collection.

Ms. Thomas stated that she is involved in the Delaware DECA Sleeping Bag Campaign. She is working with the Governor's staff who are drawing together individuals, businesses, and community organizations to collect sleeping bags for children who are homeless, or who may be doubled-up in the homes of others. She solicited donations of sleeping bags or money noting that donations would provide a personal item for a child to take where they may be and which would keep them warm this winter. This is a tax deductible donation.

X. Public Comment

None

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Hudson and seconded by Ms. Gordon to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:35p.m.